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In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A tile protector platform assembly comprising:
  - a) a horizontal floor surface;
  - b) freshly laid floor tiles on said floor surface, said floor tiles having spaces therebetween for receiving grout;
  - c) a plurality of horizontal platforms ~~platform~~ above and spaced from said tiles;
  - d) ~~each~~ said platform ~~comprising a plurality of flat members each~~ having a distributed pattern of spaced apertures;
  - e) said apertures being threaded;
  - f) a plurality of threaded, downwardly extending posts threaded through selected ones of said apertures located above said space with ~~spaces whereby~~ bottom ends of said posts resting rest for support on said floor surface between said tiles; and
  - g) said platforms ~~flat members~~ being distributed and spaced above said tiles whereby a user can walk on said platforms ~~flat members~~ while not disturbing said tiles and are easily removed allowing grouting to be applied to said spaces.
- 2-5. (canceled)
6. (currently amended) The tile protector platform assembly of Claim 1, wherein each said platform member is rectangular shaped.
7. (currently amended) The tile protector platform assembly of Claim 6, wherein said posts are disposed on corners of said rectangular shaped platforms members.
8. (currently amended) The tile protector platform assembly of Claim 7, further comprising a non-slip material being disposed on upper surfaces of said platforms members.
9. (currently amended) A tile protector platform combination comprising:
  - a) a horizontal floor surface;

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b) freshly laid floor tiles on said floor surface, said floor tiles having spaces therebetween for receiving grout;

c) a plurality of horizontal platforms ~~platform~~ above and spaced from said tiles;

d) each said platform being comprising a plurality of flat members;  
and

e) a plurality of pre-punched tabs disposed on said platforms ~~members~~, a selected number of said tabs being bent downwardly and extending so as to extend away from lower surfaces of said platforms members and resting rest on said floor surface between said tiles to maintaining said platforms above and spaced from said floor tiles to enable a user to walk on said platforms platform without disturbing said tiles.

10-11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) The tile protector platform combination apparatus of Claim 9, wherein said platforms members are rectangular shaped.

13. (currently amended) The tile protector platform combination of Claim 12, wherein said tabs are disposed on corners of said rectangular shaped platforms members.

14. (currently amended) The tile protector platform combination of Claim 13, further comprising a non-slip material being disposed on upper surfaces of said platforms members.